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Chise is the ordinance for the conservation and keeping of the Quenes Maiesties
swannes and signettes, and of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of her Commons
within the Countes of Lincoln, Northampton, Rutland, Huntington, and Cambridge, and the libertes
and franchises of the same: And for the conservation of spye and fowle, with the assynging of
all manner of nettes within the sayde Countes and liberties of the same.

PIRST it is ordeyned and statuted, that every person haung any Swannes, shal begin yere
to marke or cause to be marked the same vpon the Munday next after Trinitie Sunday, &
no person afore, but after as the company may, so that the Master of the Quenes game of
Swannes, or his deputie be there present, and ys any person or persons take vpon hym or
them in marking to the contrary, to forseyte to the Quene. xl. s.

CItem it is ordeyned, that no person nor persons beyng Swanheards nor other, shall go on marking
without the master of the Quenes game of Swannes or his deputie bee present, with vi. or viii. of the
company of Swanheards, vpon paine to forseyte to the Quenes grace. xl. s.

CItem it is ordeyned, that no person take vp no signet nor signets unmarked, nor make no sale of them,
but ys the Quenes Swanherde or his deputie with. viii. other Swanherdes next adioyning be present or
have knowledge of the same, vpon paine to forseyte to the Quenes grace. xl. s.

CItem it is ordeyned that the Swanherde of the duchy of Lancastre within the said countes, nor within
the liberties and franchises of the same, nor no other person for him nor by him, shal make no sale nor
take vp no Swannes, nor marke them within the said duchy, without the Quenes Swanherde or his
deputie be present, vpon paine to forseyte to the Quenes grace. xl. s. And in like wise it is ordeyned that
the Quenes Swanherde of the foresaid countes nor his deputie, shal not enter into the said duchy to
take vp any Swannes or signets, nor them to marke without the Swanherde of the duchy be present,
upon paine to forseyte to the Quenes grace. xl. s.

CItem it is ordeyned, that if any Swannes or signets be found without the said duchy double marked
or put out of right marke, that then it shall be sealed for the Quene, and to be deliuered to the master of
the Quenes game of Swannes or to his deputie, and so to remayne to it be proued by. viii. or vi. suffi-
cient Swanherdes, to whom the sayd Swannes or signets belong or appertaine, so that the knowledge
of the same be had by the saide Swanherdes after the said deliuerie afore the sessions of Swannes than-
next to be kept within the countie, where as it shall hap the said Swans or signets to be sealed and deli-
uered in foyne aforesaid. And ys so be the property of the same Swannes or signets can not be knownen
by the said sessions, that then the Quene to be assured of the value of the same Swannes and signettes.

CItem it is ordeyned that ys any person or persons wylfully put anye Swannes from theye nestes,
wheresoever they bee, or els take vp & destroy or beare away the egges or egge of the saide Swannes, to
forfait for every default & presented in the sessions of Swannes to the Quenes grace. xiii. s. viii. d.

CItem it is ordeyned that no man shall make sale of no whyte Swannes, nor make deliuerie of them
without the master of the game or his deputie be present, with viii. or vi. Swanheards next adioyning un-
der paine of xl. s. wherof shalbe to the synder, vi. s. viii. d. and the residue to the Quene.

CItem it is ordeyned that no person or persons hunt in fene tyme or in any haunt of Swannes with
dogges, from the feast of Easter to the sunday after Trinitie sunday, vpon paine for every tyme so doyng.
vi. s. viii. d.

CItem it is ordeyned that ys any person set any snares or anye manner of ingeringes to take Bittors or
Swannes betwix the feast of Easter and Lammas, he or they to forfait for euery tyme so setting any such
ingring. vi. s. viii. d.

CItem it is ordeyned, that no person nor persons shall lay no net nor nettes, nor dragge with net nor
nettes within the common stremes, waters nor marshes vpon the day tyme, from the feast of the Inven-
tion of the holy crosse, vnto the feast of Lammas, vpon paine as often as they be found in fault and pre-
sented in the sessions of Swannes before the Quenes Justices. xx. s. to forfait to the Quenes grace.

CItem it is ordeyned, that every Swanherde intending to keepe any Swannes or signettes, that they
shal keepe them in a pen or pit within. xx. foote of the common streme, or els within xx. foote of the Quenes
þyng way, so that the Quenes subiectes passyng by may haue the syght of the sayde Swannes, vpon paine
of xl. s.

CItem it is ordeyned, that there shalbe no forseyt of whyte Swannes nor grey Swannes nor signets but
only to the Quenes grace, as well within the franchises and liberties as without: and as often as any
person lease and deliuer the sayde Swannes to any other person, but only to the master of the game or to
the Quenes bse, he to forfait to the Quenes grace. vi. s. viii. d.

CItem it is ordeyned, that no maner of person nor persons shal lay nor set nettes named tramelles, nor
nettes called drayes, nor dray with no net from the xvi. day next before the feast of saint Marke the Euangelist,
vnto the xvi. day next ensuing the same feast. That is to wit, within the common stremes, waters,
Swannes and marshes in the countie of Lincoln, Northampton, Rutland, Huntington, and Cambridge,
nor within the Isle of Ely, vpon paine of. xl. s.

CItem it is ordeyned, that no man shal take no gray Swannes nor white Swannes flying, but that he
shal within iii. dayes next after the sayd taking, deliuer it or them to the master of the Quenes Swannes
or to his deputie to the Quenes bse, and the taker to haue for his takyng. viii. d.

CItem it is ordeyned, that no maner of person of what estate, degree, or condicion he be, haung any
game of Swannes of his owne, shalbe no Swanherd nor keper of none other mens Swannes, vpon paine
of xl. s.

CItem it is ordeyned, that no Swanherde nor fisher, nor fowler, shall not vexe nor trouble another
Swanherde, fisher nor fowler, by way of action, or other wyse, but onely afore the Quenes Justices of her
sessions of Swannes, vpon paine of forfaiting to the Quenes grace. xiii. s. viii. d.

God save the Quene.

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